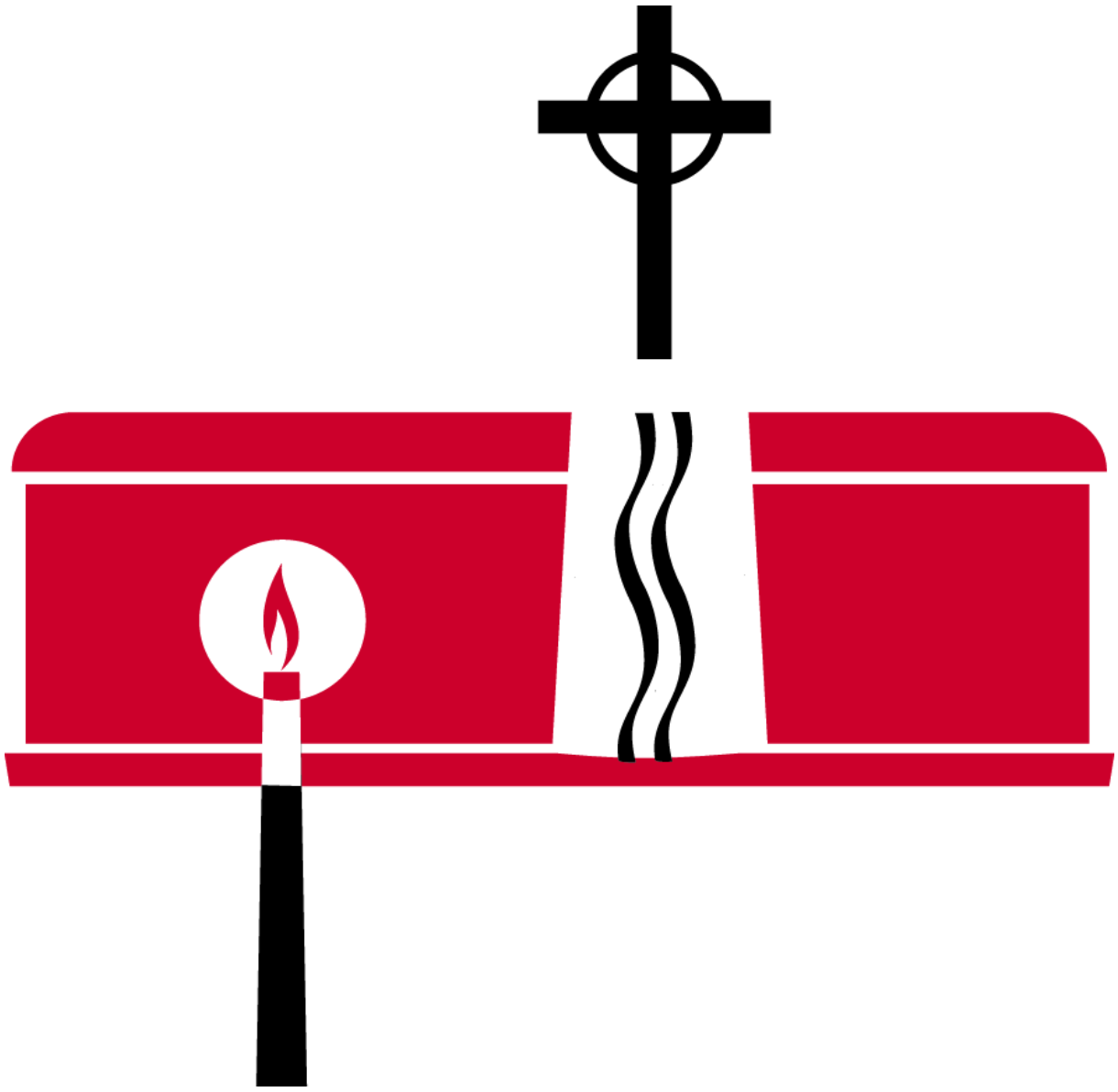
Funeral Service for Barbara K. Maes

A celebration of life and a witness to the resurrection.



October 19, 2024 – 11:00am

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI

Worship Key
P: Pastor
R: Reader
C: Congregation

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit, the comforter, gathers us in worship.

INTRODUCTION

P: Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sister Barb, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

C: We glorify you.

P: Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

C: We praise you.

P: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

C: We worship you.

P: To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN – *"Borning Cry"* ELW 732

1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 "In the mid-dle a-ges of your life, not too old, no lon-ger young,
I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold.
you were raised to praise the liv-ing Lord, to whom you now be-long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be-gun.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es in and you shut your wea-ry eyes,
in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers-es rhyme from dusk till ris-ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al-ways been, with just one more sur-prise."
4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
Music: WATERLIFE, John C. Ylvisaker

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Barb. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

REMEMBRANCES

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: LAMENTATIONS 3:22-26, 31-33

R: A reading from Lamentations.

22 The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
24 "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."
25 The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.
26 It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.
27 It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,
28 to sit alone in silence when the LORD has imposed it,
29 to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope),
30 to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.
31 For the LORD will not reject forever.
32 Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
33 for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

PSALM 46:1-7

R: A reading from Psalm 46.

[1]God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
[2]Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
    though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
[3]though its waters roar and foam,
    though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

[4]There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
    the holy habitation of the Most High.
[5]God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
    God will help it when the morning dawns.
[6]The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
    he utters his voice, the earth melts.
[7]The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

R: Word of God. Word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN – "*On Eagle's Wings*" ELW 787

Leader or All
1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,
say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"
Refrain
All
And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.
Leader or All
2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no
Refrain
fear; un - der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.
Leader or All
3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by
Refrain
day; though thou - sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

Leader or All
3
4 For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to
guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will
bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.
Final refrain
All
And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.
And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957
Music: ON EAGLE'S WINGS, Michael Joncas
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SECOND READING: MATTHEW 5:1-10

R: A reading from Matthew.

[1]When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his
disciples came to him. [2]Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
[3]"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4]"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
[5]"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
[6]"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
[7]"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
[8]"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
[9]"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
[10]"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

R: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-6, 25-27

P: The holy gospel according to John chapter 14**.**
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[1]Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. [2]In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? [3]And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. [4]And you know the way to the place where I am going."
[5]Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" [6]Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. [25]I have said these things to you while I am still with you. [26]But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. [27]Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY — Rev. Joshua Rinas

HYMN – *"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"* ELW 413

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Let us pray.
Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

COMMENDATION

P: Let us commend Barbara to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

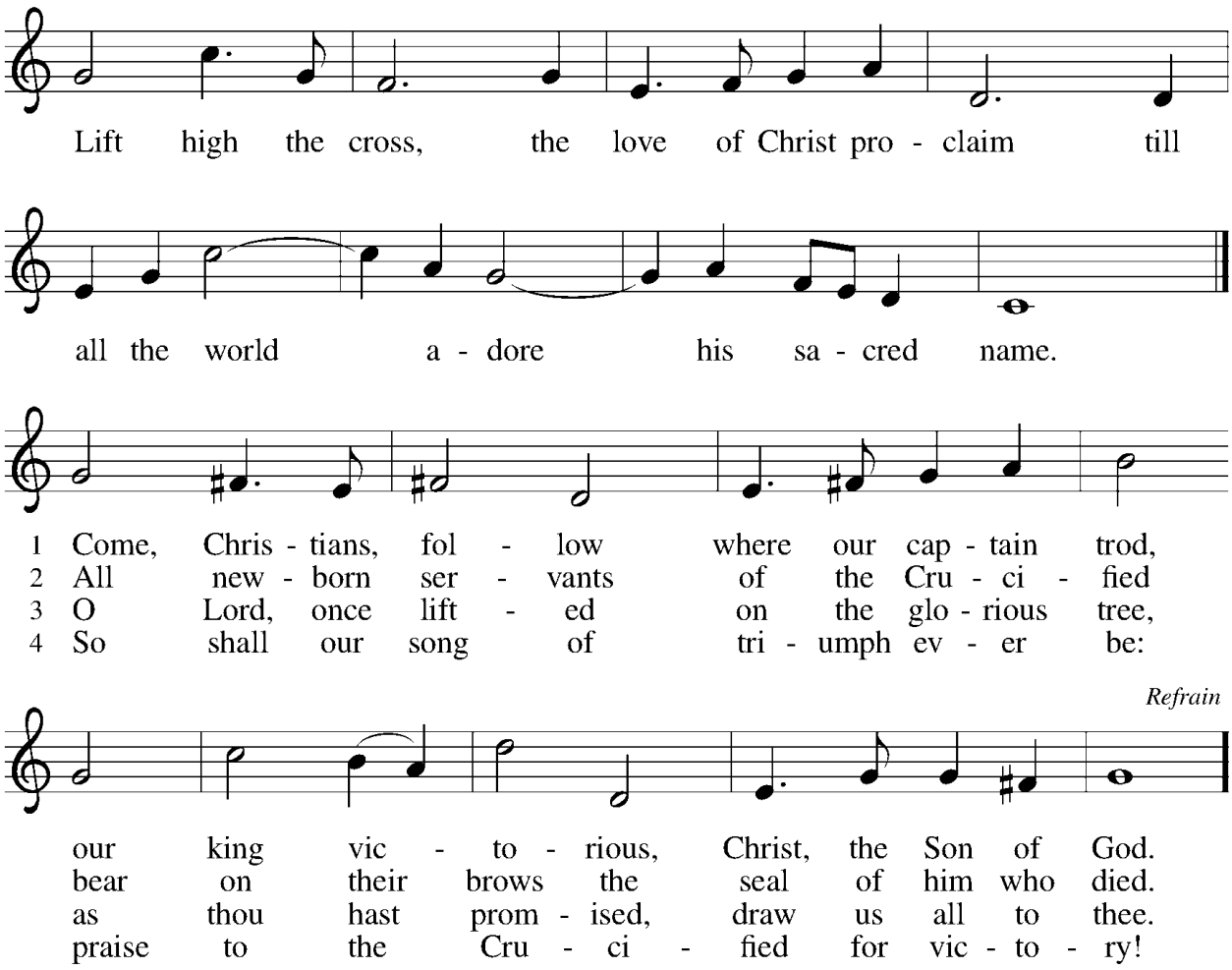
> Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Barbara. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

C: Amen.

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: in the name of Christ. Amen.

SENDING HYMN - *"Lift High the Cross"* ELW 660


Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.
1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:
Refrain
our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956
Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947
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Barbara K. Maes
1927 - 2024

Barbara Kathryn Maes, 96, peacefully passed away September 18, 2024, fulfilling her wishes to be at home and with her family.

Barbara was born October 13, 1927 in Washington D.C. into a career US Army family of the late Col. Edwin H. and Pauline M. Johnson. She graduated from high school in Gettysburg PA and was a 1948 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing. She was part of the WWII Cadet Nurse Corps and remained a life member of the UPenn Nursing Alumni Association.

Barbara moved to Ann Arbor in 1950 to further her nursing career at the University of Michigan Hospital. She met and married Reed E. Maes Jr. in 1954, who was an engineering graduate student at the U of M. They settled in Ypsilanti in 1955, where they raised their four children. She faithfully supported Reed in his professional and entrepreneurial endeavors, while she continued her nursing career at the U of M Hospital, until she retired in 1991.

Barbara was a longtime active member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church for nearly 60 years, serving in the Chancel Choir, the Altar Guild and volunteering in multiple other capacities. She also volunteered at the American Red Cross Donor Clinic and RSVP of Ann Arbor. She enjoyed singing Handel's Messiah for many years with the U of M Choral Union, and doing activities and travel with the Pittsfield Seniors.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband Reed (1984) and brother, Henry (2013). Her remaining brother, Richard, passed just hours after her, leaving Eleanor, his wife of 69 years. Barbara leaves a legacy of her four children, Craig (Nancy), Claudia (Edwin), Kirk (Patty), Eric (Mary Beth); grandchildren Matthew, Timothy, Zachary (Aleks), Allyssa (Blaine), Noah, Alina, Reed, and many nieces and nephews.

Friends are welcomed to visit the family at 10am on Saturday, October 19, 2024 followed by an 11am memorial service at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198. Brunch will follow at the church. She has already been cremated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Memorial Fund or the American Heart Association.

SERVING IN WORSHIP:

Interim Pastor.....Rev. Joshua Rinas
Organist.....David Meitzler
Music Accompanists.....Alina and Reed Maes
Readers.....Allyssa Rhoden, Timothy Maes, Noah Gustafson

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